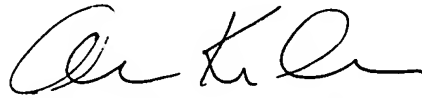


REMARKS

In the substituted specification and the amended claims, faulty English has been corrected and an Abstract has been added to the specification. The substituted specification and the amendment claims include no new matter. It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is now in condition for examination.

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**MARKED UP VERSION OF REWRITTEN CLAIMS**

1. (Amended) A method for finishing a printed security sheet [securities sheets], wherein said printed security sheet is [securities sheets are] lacquered [completely and/or partly] in order to increase [the] durability and to emphasize at least one distinguishing feature[s].

2. (Amended) The method for finishing of claim 1, wherein said [the] distinguishing feature is [features are] emphasized by increasing [the] transparency of said [the] printed sheet by applying a layer of lacquer.

3. (Amended) The method for finishing of claim 1, wherein said [the] printed [securities] security sheet is coated in one step over its whole surface with a first layer of lacquer and partially with a second layer of lacquer.

4. (Amended) The method for finishing of claim 1, wherein [in the features are safety features] said distinguishing feature is a security feature.

5. (Amended) The method for finishing of claim 4, wherein [the safety features are watermarks] said security feature is a watermark.